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South Dublin County Council
Planning Department
Town Centre
Tallaght
Dublin 24

Our Ref: RMS/FB/MIS003001

20th March 2025

**Re: Planning Reference – PT8SD349
Application Under Part 8 Re Tallaght Village Enhancement Scheme**

Dear Sirs,

As a business owner in Tallaght Village for upwards of 30 years, I wish to lodge my objection to the proposed plans for Tallaght Village.

Whereas the plans are entitled, "Tallaght Village Enhancement Scheme", in reality, they represent a death blow to business, not just ours but others along the Main Street. Several businesses have closed over the past few years due to already existing difficulties with parking etc.

Tallaght Village was bypassed many years ago and we see no reason why it should be further hastened to obscurity with your proposals to shut it down to all but bus traffic. Businesses such as ours depend on a flow of people who have access to each business. Although it is on trend now to assume that everybody wants to travel by bicycle or on foot, the reality is that an ageing Tallaght population require vehicular support to arrive at a business such as ours. Many of our clients are now well into their senior years and have mobility issues. Indeed, a visual inspection of the Village by a representative from this, "Enhancement Committee", would clearly see the number of older clients with significant mobility problems arriving both to ourselves and our neighbour the chiropodist, Allied Chiropody and Podiatry. There is a daily arrival of cars pulling up outside this business driven by relatives/friends of patients who alight with difficulty from the vehicle managing only to walk a few steps into the surgery.

In our view, it would be nothing short of reckless to make this journey even more difficult for clients and patients alike. To exclude a well recognised elderly population profile from easy access to business, surgeries and leisure activities would be both short sighted and somewhat fanciful if not ageist. In short therefore to proceed with your plans as proposed, would be, in our opinion, to disenfranchise the elderly members of the community and discriminate against them. This so where there is not even a bus stop on the Main Street in the Village.

There appears to be no reason whatsoever why buses cannot take an alternative route down by the bank and go on to the bypass coming back towards the Village by the PTSB. It can surely only be a poorly thought out aspiration to believe that businesses in the Village want to do away with vehicular access and parking thereby strangling their own businesses and excluding elderly clients from easy access and ultimately condemning more local businesses to oblivion.

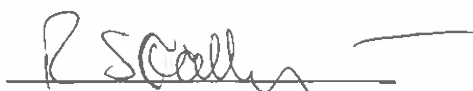
In addition, to disallow all parking in the Village can only be regarded as an affront to the commercial reality in trying to run a business. We regularly accept deliveries and have to deal with elements of business which require the arrival of big trucks to allow for shredding, file delivery and collection and so on. This applies to virtually every business in the Village.

Sadly, these proposed plans appear to be based on a fiction that does not exist. The reality is entirely different and the proposal to effectively alienate a large proportion of the population from easy access to the Village, would very likely bring business in the Village to its knees by making access and parking impossible and effectively allowing a dream to quickly become a disaster. Many businesses have already closed over the years.

It should be noted that this appears to be the fourth occasion on which South Dublin County Council have attempted to completely bypass the Village and therefore turn off the lifeblood of business in the Village. The closure of numerous businesses in the Village over recent years is testament to the existing difficulties for business as it currently exists without a flow of traffic. In short, to close off the Village to all but buses will be the final nail in the coffin for business in the Village.

Please note our objections and we enclose herewith the objection fee in the sum of €20.00. Please acknowledge receipt of these objections.

Yours faithfully,


ROMAINE SCALLY & CO.